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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor application: **George**

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For: **Apparatus and Method for
Deletion of Objects from an Object-
Relational System in a Customizable
and Database Independent Manner**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.